

City of Selah
Council Minutes

June 26, 2007

Regular Meeting
Selah Council Chambers
115 West Naches Avenue
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Keith Larson, Denise Nichols, Paul Overby, Allen Schmid, Herb Schmidt

Members Excused: Brian Harris, Scott Smeback

Staff Present: Frank Sweet, City Supervisor; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Rick Gutierrez, Police Chief; Stacy Dwarshuis, Police Lieutenant; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Dennis Davison, Community Planner; Jeff Hagler, Parks & Recreation Director; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Denise Nichols led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Rex Van Beek, Selah Methodist Church, led the group in prayer.

D. Agenda Changes

E. Public Appearances

Mayor Jones introduced Erin Snelgrove, new reporter for the *Yakima Herald Republic*; Martha Goudey, editor of the *Selah Independent*, and Jamie Morford, candidate for Selah City Council.

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses

G. Communications

1. Oral

2. Written

a. Yakima Regional Public Facilities District Committee Information

b. Letter from Bill Powell, Junior Varsity Coach, Selah High School, Regarding Carlon Park

Councilman Allen Schmid asked Jeff Hagler to read the letter from Mr. Powell into the record.

Parks & recreation Director Jeff Hagler read as follows:

Mayor Jones,

I would like to take this time to thank you, the city council and Jeff Hagler and his team for the outstanding job done on the fastpitch facility. Our fields are the best of the best in the state of Washington. Our athletes are really thankful to have a facility like Carlon Park.

It was wonderful having one of the council members present (Allen) when we played or just being there helping to always improve the park. I honestly believe he helped make the CWAC District Tournament a success with ensuring anything we needed was provided. During and after that tournament we only received wonderful comments about what a wonderful and beautiful facility we had. There was even some comments about wanting to have the state tournament here as soon as possible.

I would also like to thank Jeff Glaspie for the outstanding job he does on the fields. I know others do some of the work but Jeff takes care of the fields like they are his own yard. I know he is always willing and trying to make the fields and areas better. Without a doubt our fields are second to none because a lot of people put in a lot of work.

Last, I would like to thank you for your leadership in getting the facility built and Alan for ensuring the facility stays at top of the line. During the state tournament this year - we played at a facility that was like a sum field compared to our park. All I can say is THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

With my deepest respect,

Junior Varsity Coach Selah High School

Bill Powell

c. April 1, 2007 Population Estimates Developed by the Office of Financial Management

Mayor Jones noted that in 2000 the population of Selah was 6,310 and has increased by 625 people to an estimated 6,935 in 2007.

H. Proclamations/Announcements

I. Consent Agenda

Councilman Herb Schmidt moved to include M-2 on the Consent Agenda. Councilman Keith Larson seconded.

Councilman Keith Larson moved to include M-3 on the consent agenda. Councilwoman Denise Nichols seconded.

Mayor Jones read the Consent Agenda as amended.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting May 22, 2007
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll: Claims Checks nos. 49879 – 49967 for a total of \$142,362.42 and Payroll Checks Nos. 61111 – 61194 for a total of \$121,181.53.
- * 3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign the Frazier-Ely Outside Utility

- Agreement (OUA 171.42.07-02) Amending the Zuker-Moultray Outside Utility Agreement (OUA 171.42.96-06)
- * 4. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Contract with Pacific Power To Provide Electrical Services for 318 West Naches Avenue, Crusher Canyon Park
- * 5. Resolution Adopting the Upper Yakima Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan

Councilwoman Nichols moved and Councilman Schmid seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda. By voice vote, the Consent Agenda was unanimously adopted.

J. Public Hearings

K. New Business

L. Old Business

M. Resolutions

- * 1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign the Frazier-Ely Outside Utility Agreement (OUA 171.42.07-02) Amending the Zuker-Moultray Outside Utility Agreement (OUA 171.42.96-06)
- * 2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign a Contract with Pacific Power To Provide Electrical Services for 318 West Naches Avenue, Crusher Canyon Park
- * 3. Resolution Adopting the Upper Yakima Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan
- 4. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Selah and City of Yakima for Use of Public Transportation System

Councilman Paul Overby noted this agreement was approved by Yakima on Monday. He stated the service will be Monday through Friday plus Saturday as shown on Appendix B. He noted Appendix A shows route and service. He stated the City of Yakima added Dial-a-Ride service. We had initially wanted a count on a monthly basis, but Yakima Transit was not willing to provide a monthly report.

Councilman Larson asked if service will be reduced if revenues are less than anticipated.

Councilman Overby said an escape clause was one of his committee's major concerns. The contract includes a contingency for revenue levels. Also, Yakima Transit expects the City of Selah to maintain the bus stops.

Councilman Schmid said he remains concerned that the contract with Yakima Transit for services, and he believes Yakima Transit should also maintain those bus stops and the equipment therein.

Councilman Overby noted the City of Selah can use some of the levy revenues for that kind of thing.

Councilman Schmid stated his concern that we don't have that in writing.

Mayor Jones asked Public Works Director Joe Henne if he had concerns about that maintenance.

Joe Henne noted they do have benches, but it should be relatively low maintenance. He stated shelters are a different matter.

Frank Sweet noted the contract states "as needed."

Councilman Overby stated Yakima transit provides benches, shelters and signs.

Councilman Schmidt stated that may be a concern, but it would not make a big difference.

Councilman Schmid moved approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor To Sign an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Selah and City of Yakima for Use of Public Transportation System. Councilman Schmidt seconded.

Councilman Keith Larson noted the agreement states the term expires Dec.31, 2008, but when the voters voted this in there was not an end date.

City Supervisor Sweet explained that putting a term on the contract allows for discussion and/or renegotiation of contract terms.

Councilwoman Denise Nichols asked for clarification on the 50-50 split and the 100% on Dial-A-Ride.

Councilman Overby responded that Dial-a-Ride is required and will be an expense on top of the contract. Yakima Transit cannot give the city any numbers for Dial-a-Ride.

Councilwoman Nichols stated that People for People comes out here, will pick up County residents, but not Selah residents.

Councilman Schmid said the discussion on Dial-A-Ride was that it would have little usage the first year. He stated there are stringent requirements. He and Councilman Overby responded to questions.

Councilwoman Nichols asked if the City will continue to sell bus passes here. The response was affirmative.

Councilman Schmidt stated this is in a state of flux, and we can't determine usage (cost)

Councilman Overby stated when we know more, we will be better able to predict usage and expenses.

The question was called for.

Roll was called: Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Larson – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

N. Ordinances

1. Ordinance Amending the 2007 Budget for the Police Station Relocation

Clerk/Treasurer Dale Novobielski addressed the Ordinance to amend the 2007 budget for Police Station relocation. He noted 80% of the cost of the fiber optic line will be paid for by a grant from Homeland

Security. He enumerated expenditures from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve, Current Expense Equipment Reserve, capital Improvement and CE Building/Property Reserve.

Police Chief Rick Gutierrez stated the first vehicle was outfitted today and they will be cycling other vehicles the rest of the week. He noted that as far as dispatching is concerned, there is still work to do with fiber-optic and data system compatibility. He reported the building is coming along nicely, and he encouraged everyone to come down to take a look.

Councilman Herb Schmidt noted it is obvious that the Safety Committee did a lot of hard work on this project.

Councilman Schmidt moved approval of the Ordinance Amending the 2007 Budget for the Police Station Relocation. Councilwoman Nichols seconded. Roll was called: Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Schmidt – yes; Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Nichols – yes; Council Member Larson – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

O. Communications

1. Oral

P. Reports/Announcements

1. Mayor
2. Council Members
3. Boards
4. Departmental

a. Police Department Monthly Report – May 2007

Mayor Jones reported that the Mayors' meeting will be held Thursday night in Toppenish, and the Mayors and Police Chiefs will be involved. He said he hopes to achieve continuity on dealing with gang violence in the Valley. He stated most gang bangers are 11 to 17 years old. He noted this is the first step in a whole process toward getting the parents involved in the process. He stated the County will be opening an additional pod in the Juvenile facility, a “graffiti pod.”

City Supervisor Frank Sweet reported a Council Member suggested putting the entire council packet on the website, and it is there.

Councilman Schmidt suggested putting an announcement to the effect in the local newspaper.

Councilman Larson applauded efforts to curb the gang problem.

Councilman Overby thanked Frank Sweet and Julie Gray for getting packets on line. He noted part of the perception is that when we move an item and pass it with no discussion, that we’re doing something secret.

Mayor Jones reported he will be gone from 13 through 27 of July.

Councilman Overby reported the kickoff Yakima Transit Service will be held Monday and there will be bus service on July 4th.

Councilwoman Nichols echoed Councilman Keith Larson's praise for the Mayors addressing gang violence.

Police Chief Rick Gutierrez reported he participated in gang emphasis last week where 50-some officers 53 arrests majority of whom were gang members. He said they were very busy in Wapato, Toppenish and White Swan.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Hagler reported swimming is going strong. He reported the summer parks program has 40 kids a day for the arts and crafts program. He noted he attended a parks maintenance program today with his park maintenance crew.

Administrative Assistant Julie Gray passed around the patches made by Hahn Promotional Products. She announced that the Yakima Valley Community Band will present Concerts in the Park on the 5th and 19th of July beginning at 7:00pm, free to the public, courtesy of the City of Selah.

The Mayor declared a five-minute recess before the Executive Session.

Q. Executive Session

1. 15 minute Executive Session on real estate.

The Council moved into Executive Session at 4:53pm. They moved out of Executive Session at 5:10pm.

Councilwoman Nichols moved and Councilman Larson seconded to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Marudo Associates, doing business as AAA Storage for their purchase of 2.21 acres in Selah Business Park at the purchase price of \$385,070.40. By voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Schmidt moved and Councilman Larson seconded that the City offer to purchase 9,180 square feet (+/-) plus shop from David & Michele Smeback for the purchase price of \$40,000. By voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

R. Adjournment

Council Member Paul Overby moved, and Councilman Keith Larson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Robert L. Jones, Mayor

Paul Overby, Council Member

Keith Larson, Council Member

Denise Nichols, Council Member

(Excused)

Brian Harris, Council Member

Herb Schmidt, Council Member

(Excused)

Scott Smeback, Council Member

Allen Schmid, Council Member

ATTEST:

Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer